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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir/Madam:

This "settlement" is laughable. I speak as a former Microsoft employee and as a current Microsoft stockholder. Microsoft can reach into its pocket and pull out a couple of \$billion. That won't hurt the company one bit.

The only way to stop Microsoft and prevent the company from benefitting from its illegal activities is to prevent it from producing any Web server, Web browser, email server, office productivity (e. g. MS Office), or any other general application software. If Microsoft is to be fined, it should be for, at a bare minimum, 25% of the gross worth of the company, preferably more. Remember, the wealth that they gained was gained illegally.

Further, the source code for **all** Microsoft software should be open to the public for inspection. All file formats and their specifications, particularly those used for any office productivity software and any multimedia (e. g. Word document, Excel spreadsheet, movie files, etc.), should be released into the public domain, similar to PKWare, Inc.'s ZIP format.

Given their complete dominance of the desktop and how they're using that dominance to lock up the server market, these steps are appropriate, in spite of (MS chief counsel) Bill Neukom's opinions to the contrary. I remind you that I am a MS stockholder and a former employee. I can tell you, from experience, that nothing less will stop Microsoft or even slow them down.

Sincerely,

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